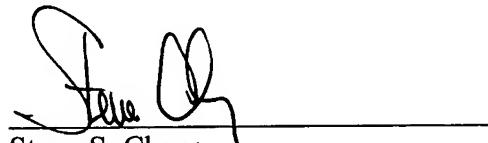


**REMARKS**

No action on the merits has been received in this application, and Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment simply to place the claims in a more preferred form and with more preferred language.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of this application or this paper, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,



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